

REMARKS

Claims 49-63 and 65-74 were pending. Responsive to the action mailed October 4, 2007, Applicants elect the invention of Group III drawn to the embodiment of cyclic peptides having SEQ. ID NO: 89. The election is made without traverse. Applicants have herein cancelled claims 49-53, 56, and 58 without prejudice to future prosecution. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 59, 65, 68, and 71. No new matter has been added.

In addition, the Examiner requires an election of species. In accordance with the requirement, Applicants elect the peptide sequence SEQ ID NO: 97; the MR chelate DOTA; the paramagnetic metal Gd(III); and a linker comprising an amide moiety. The election is made without traverse. Claims 54, 55, 57, 59-63, 65, 66, and 68-74 cover the elected species.

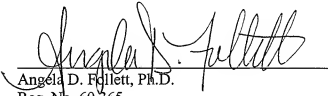
Accordingly, claims 54, 55, 57, 59-63, and 65-74 are pending.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants respectfully assert that all claims are in condition for allowance, which action is hereby requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if such would expedite prosecution. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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